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Top teacher wants to create a new school

A NEW school in Northampton proposed by an education expert and former headteacher of Northampton School for Boys, could be open by September 2012.

At the Guildhall this week, Sir Bruce Liddington, who was head of NSB until 2000, unveiled plans to set up a "free school" in east Northampton which would provide spaces for 900 pupils ranging in age from three to 18 years.

Sir Bruce said he wanted to set up the new school because many parents had approached him in the past 10 years and told him there were not enough good school places for children in the town.

He said: "There are popular schools in the town that have to turn hundreds of children away each year whereas other schools in the town, not for the want of trying, are not as popular as they want to be.

"By setting up this free school, it will create more of the sort of places that parents want"

Sir Bruce said that, due to the current cuts in Government funding, the school would not receive millions of pounds for a new building.

pounds for a new building.

He said: "The new free school is likely to be in an unusual site in the town, possibly a vacant office block that could be converted."

He also revealed during the briefing that E-ACT – the education provider behind the proposed school – had been in talks with the local authority about the possibility of sponsoring an academy at Weston Favell School.

However, Northamptonshire County Councillor Andrew Grant, cabinet member for children and young people, said there were "no current plans" to turn Weston Favell into an acad-

Councillor Grant said: "It will be interesting to see what the parents of Northampton think about this free school proposal.

"Whether it is in the right location in the town I'm not sure but that will be part of the discussions on the site.

"I think they could have looked at putting it in the western part of the town but the additional primary school places created by the proposal will be good."



Sir Bruce Liddington announces plans to open new "free" school in Northampton at a press conference in the Guildhall

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The YMCA's drop-in centre and (below) the charity's chief executive Peter Storey

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Drop-in centre is set to close

A DROP-IN centre which provides support to homeless people in Northampton is to close just two days before Christmas, due to a lack of funding.

The county branch of the YMCA last night announced its plans to close The Station in St John's Street in the town centre on December 23.

The charity's chief executive, Peter Storey, said the organisation had found itself with no choice but to close the centre in order to protect other vital services, after the announcement earlier this year that Northamptonshire County Council was withdrawing funding for the charity from March 2011.

Mr Storey said: "We're working hard to find funding so we can extend activities beyond March. However, in order to protect existing work we need to cease all activities with no funding.

"It's with regret we're taking this action, but it's unavoidable if the YMCA is to continue pro-



viding other local activities.

"I would like to thank all those people in the community and at the YMCA who have worked so hard to help us continue working with vulnerable young people in the local area."

The news has been greeted

The news has been greeted with disappointment by many people in the county.

Allan Codner, a resident support worker with YMCA Northamptonshire, said staff had been left "gutted" by the announcement.

He said: "This is part and par-

cel of what's happening at the moment with funding cuts everywhere. I'm just disappointed it's young people who have to suffer.

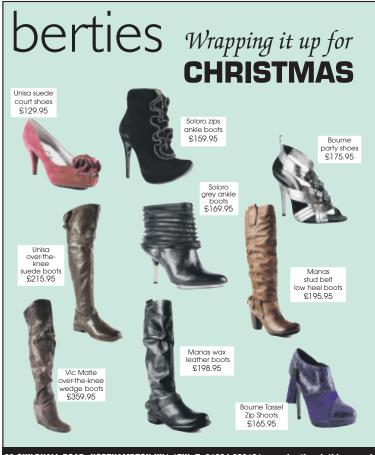
"I'm not political but it's a shame such an essential service is getting cut.

"I just feel sorry for the young people who, through circumstances beyond their control, may need it in the future."

Michael Ellis, the Conservative MP for Northampton North, who earlier this year took part in a sponsored sleep-out in aid of the service, added: "I really value the work the YMCA has done, and is doing, in Northampton. I know the quality of what they do and the commitment to care for vulnerable people they have exercised so conscientiously for so long in this county.

"I'm well aware of the financial pressures the county council is under and I've already discussed with them my concerns that where they seek to make savings in public funds they look first at cutting down on bureaucracy as a matter of principle."







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Plans afoot for new museum



Trustees are hoping to create a new museum at the former Pearce Leatherworks in Wellingborough Road

EARLY plans to create a dedicated museum of leathercraft in Northampton have been drawn up.

More than 5,000 rare and unusual leather items are contained in the Museum of Leatherwork's collection, which was housed in the town centre until 2002 when it was moved out of the Museum and Art Gallery in Guildhall Road.

Since 2002, the majority of the collection has been in storage at Delapre Abbey, with some items being displayed at the Abington Park Museum.

But now the trustees of the collection have revealed plans to create a dedicated leather museum at the former Pearce Leatherworks factory

in Wellingborough Road. Great Billing resident Michael Pearson is a trustee of the leather collection.

He said plans for the development were still in their very early stages and any actual work to create the museum was still several years away. He added: "It's been a long-

term hope that we can raise the funds to do it and there is a lot of support for it.

"But there's a lot of water to go under the bridge yet.

"So it's very much a vision and a hope at the moment and we know a lot of people would love to see the museum established there."

The Museum of Leathercraft was set up in 1946 by John Waterer and Claude Spiers, who were both heavily involved in the leather industry.

It was initially based in London and moved to Walsall before being transferred to Northampton in the 1970s because of the town's history of work in the boot and shoe industry.

It was initially based in Bridge Street but was moved into the town's Guildhall Road museum in the 1990s. where it remained until 2002.

Unusual items in the collection include a leather case used by Queen Victoria, Samuel Pepy's wallet and boots worn by Oliver Cromwell's

The plan to move the collection to the former Pearce Leatherworks would see the factory's former offices and manufacturing area converted to house the leather collec-

Plans for the development were submitted to the West Northamptonshire Development Corporation (WNDC) this week.

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A hearse travelled from Mr

Bellham's home in Duston to the bus station on Monday and then parked in Bay C, the one Mr Bellham's bus used to leave from.

Mr Bellham, aged 64, died last Monday after a battle with cancer. He was only two months away from retiring.

■ Stagecoach has announced that it will run a normal Friday bus service on Christmas Eve. There will be no services on Christmas Day or Boxing Day. On Monday, December

27 and Tuesday, December 28, all routes will run to a Sunday

timetable. On Wednesday, Thursday and New Year's Eve, a Saturday service will be operated. There will be no services on New

Rare bird makes welcome pit stop

A RARE bird was spotted at The Wildlife Trust's Storton's Pits nature reserve in Northampton last week. The bearded tit, which is

on the amber list of birds of conservation concern and is particularly vulnerable in severe winters, was spotted by a member of the trust. The birds are a rare sight

in Northamptonshire as they are found in reedbeds and more usually seen on the East Anglian coast.

The male attracts particular interest with its bluegrey head and distinctive beard or moustache.

Their characteristic "pinging" calls are often the first clue to their presence.

Reserves officer Lucy Ryan said: "This is a really promising sighting, as it shows that our reedbed and wetland areas are healthy



enough to support this rare

bird, even for a short while. "Even though it is an urban nature reserve, it shows that if we manage the habitat correctly, birds and other species can thrive. Hopefully next year this male bearded tit might return with a female as well."

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A DOG walker who got into difficulties while trying to rescue his family's prized pet from a frozen Northampton lake has thanked the passers-by who saved them both from drown-

ing.
Michael Hollowell was 10ft from shore when the ice cracked, plunging him into the freezing water and leaving him fearing for his life.

The 41-year-old father-of-three, from Kingsthorpe, had been walking his family's one-year-old black Labrador, Millie, close to the lake at Storton's Pits Nature Reserve in Sixfields on Sunday.

As they came close to completing a circuit, Millie broke away and dashed across the frozen water in pursuit of a duck, but the ice could not bear her weight and cracked, tipping her into the icy water and leaving her stranded.

Mr Hollowell said: "I could see Millie was panicking. She was desperately trying to break the ice to get back to shore. I could see she was getting cold and suddenly she stopped moving and rested her head on the ice as if she was exhausted. All I could think about was going in to get her.

Although passers-by tried

to stop him, Mr Hollowell said he laid down on the ice and edged his way out to where Millie was, only for the ice beneath him to give way just as he managed to grab hold of her, plunging him into the icy water alongside his

He said: "As soon as the ice broke I thought: 'That's it, I'm a goner'. It was freezing cold and I was panicking. Shock had set in and I really thought I was going to die.

Fortunately people on the shore were able to attach Millie's lead to another to form a kind of rope, throw it to Mr Hollowell and pull him and Millie to

Mr Hollowell thanked those who came to his rescue, who included an elderly couple and 38-year-old former lifeguard, Dun-

can Smith, of West Hunsbury,

and his wife, Samantha.

Mr Smith said: "When we got him out he was really shaking, probably from fear and adrenaline but must have

been absolutely freezing. I had a few layers on so I gave him my shirt. I used to work as a lifeguard at a swimming pool about 20 years ago. All my training said I shouldn't let him go on the ice but we could see the dog getting weaker and the panic in her eyes. I knew I wasn't going to be able to stop him going in and I wouldn't be able to hold him back. All I could do was to advise him on how best to try to rescue her.
"At the end of the day it was

all OK and he and his dog got out safely but when I got home I sat there and got quite emotional thinking: 'What if...'" Mr Hollowell said neither he

nor Millie had suffered any serious after-effects from their experience but said he had learned a valuable lesson.

"I don't condone what I did," he said. "I'm old enough to know not to go out on frozen water and they always say an animal's an animal, at the end of the day, and not worth risking your own life for. But watching her like that ... I couldn't watch her die. I felt I had to do something. "She was only 10ft from shore

and I thought if the ice did break I would be able to get back. But the cold and the shock made it seem so much further. I had a lucky escape and if I had been any further from shore I don't think I would have stood a chance.



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TV presenter and architect, Geo Clarke best-known for Channel 4's The Home Show - has teamed up with Plikington to suggest changes we can all make. As he says: "It's reassuring to know that more and more people are taking their home ir carbon footprint seriously, after all our homes are the bigges investments we are ever likely to make. What's important is that people are taking steps to change and recognising the added value greener living brings, such as cost savings and increasing the saleability of homes. "Installing good-quality loft installation is one of the most effective energy-saving obs homeowners can do, which is good news as 80 per cent of mebuyers in this survey consider it the most important green factor when buying a new home. You could chop a whopping £150 annually off the average energy bill by installing insulation that is 270mm thick. Another big saving over time is replacing the windows with more energy-efficient glazing. This can cut fuel bills by 20 per cent over their lifetime. Pilkington energiKare™ glazing, ample, can reduce heat

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Shoppers' singalong hits all the right notes

IT took two takes to get there, but Northampton was filled with festive spirit after hundreds gathered for a mass singalong in the town centre.

Abington Street was alive with the sound of music on Saturday afternoon when *X-Factor* finalist Ray Quinn led the town in a mass singalong, which regardless of a few technical hitches, saw young and old singing along to favourites *We Wish You a Merry Christmas* and *White Christmas*.

There were a few issues resulting in the accompanying music cutting out but shoppers, who had been provided with song sheets, seemed to find it all part of the entertainment.

Marion Law, aged 63, from Weston Favell, said: "I thought it was quite funny when they were having the technical faults and I thought Ray handled it really well. It was all very entertaining.

"It was a nice Chrismassy event and me and my grandchildren had a good old sing. It was nice to bring people together."

Karen Eakins, from Westone, who took along Lauren, aged five, and Sam, aged eight months, said: "It helped us get in the Christmas spirit and we all enjoyed it. It was very entertaining."

Ray Quinn, who is starring in *Jack & the Beanstalk* at the Royal & Derngate, appeared in costume with his princess to lead the songs at 3.30pm.

Earlier in the afternoon, another famous face, Chesney Hawkes and the stars of *Aladdin* from the Deco Theatre, took to the stage.

There was also a vocal warm-up for the "sing-along" lead by singer Lynnette Turner-Parry and music from the Salva-



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tion Army and music from the Northamptonshire Amateur Operatic Society, local choirs and dramatic groups.

The main stage was in Abington Street but the music was also pumped out of speakers located throughout the town centre.

Becky Allen, events officer at Northampton Borough Council, said: "It was really busy all afternoon and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

"Ray was fabulous and hopefully we can do it bigger and better next year."



Jack and the Beanstalk star Ray Quinn, who led the big Christmas sing-a-long in Abington, with Jodie (10) and Harriot Clare (8)





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Delivery people have been told by Royal Mail that they will have to start work at 7.15am from February 1, meaning some residents are likely to get their post as late as 3pm.

The move has been made to allow for a new automatic sorting process by machine each morning at Swan Valley Mail Centre which, even though it makes a postie's round more efficient, takes longer to do.
The Communication Work-

ers Union has backed the result in some people getting from February

their post early.

However, the move was unpopular with some postmen and women who expect residents affected by later deliveries to be unhappy too.

One postman, who works from Crow Lane delivery office in Northampton, who asked not



move, which it said could also Delivery staff will start work at 7.15am

to be named, said he would start work at 7.15am rather than 6.15am which would, accordingly, make his deliveries an hour later.

He said: "From our point of view it's not the best move because we came into the job to start early and finish early.

"When I first started about 20 years ago, our day began at

"It's certainly not going to make our customers happy. Who wants the day's post in the middle of the afternoon?

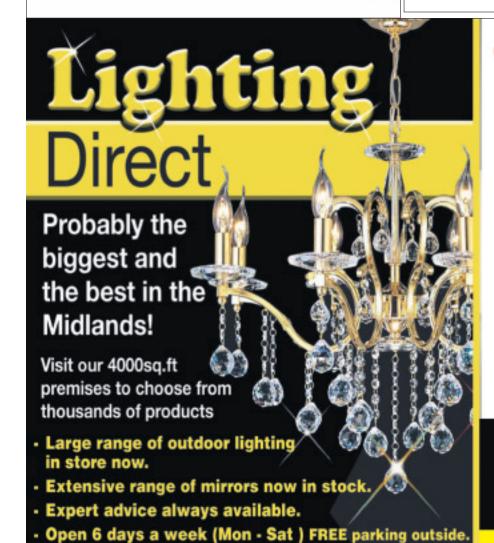
The CWU said the changes were part of Royal Mail's modernisation process which it accepted in order to keep the service public.

It is believed postmen have been offered a £200 bonus to compensate for the change in hours.

A Royal Mail spokeswoman said: "Royal Mail is spending more than £2 billion on the introduction of new technology and equipment and upgraded operational facilities.

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which are responsible for abuse of residents ought to be named and shamed after figures showed more than 800 incidents in 12 months, the chairwoman an organisation for Northamptonshire care homes

The 2009-10 annual report by the Safeguarding Vul-Adults revealed nerable board that it received referrals about poor care of people in Northamptonshire residential and nursing homes - 49 per cent of the entire total of referrals that year - but did not name any of the homes.

Byrom, Pat speaking as chair-woman of the Northamptonshire Association of Care Homes, said: "If the numbers of referrals from care homes are true we would be very, very concerned.

"From my point of view I think the safeguarding board needs to be naming these homes . . . these figures are horrendous.

"I'm not really sure how the homes are managing to get away with it.

Mrs Byrom pointed out that referrals made to the safeguarding board were not always substantiated.

Call to name Rough ride for shame guilty MPs at protest

CALLS were made for "invest-ment not cuts" as union leaders rallied for action at a packed public meeting in Northampton, where the town's Tory MPs were booed by an angry crowd.

Ron Mendel, president of Northampton and District Trades Union Council, chaired the lively meeting at St James Working Men's Club in Weedon Road on Saturday.

The event included speeches from Billy Hayes, general secretary of the Communication Workers Union, Emily Dean, president of the Students' Union at The University of Northampton, and Sally Ruane, deputy director of the health policy research unit at De Montfort University.

Northampton MPs Brian Binley and Michael Ellis also attended the meeting where they were heckled, as emotions ran high about the coalition Government's plans to make cuts to public serv-

Mr Hayes said: "This is a big turnout for a Saturday afternoon in Northampton, which shows the strength of feeling about the serious problems our country is facing in terms of what the government is doing to it.

"I think when we talk about cuts it is not sufficient to say we should just be opposing them. I think we need to go a bit deeper.

"Our slogan should be investment not

cuts. "The CWU will stand shoulder to shoulder with Northampton until everyone sees it is investment not cuts."

Ms Dean, who expressed concern for both staff job security and future students at The University of Northampton, said: "The generation who got free education seem to be drawing up the drawbridge on the next generation.'

Representatives of groups, unions and members of the public in Northampton also stood up to raise concerns about how the cuts would effect various vulnerable people in Northampton from those with disabilities, to single mothers and those in sheltered housing.

Serious concerns were also raised about plans for the NHS and a petition was available calling to safeguard the

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General secretary of the Communication Workers Union, Billy Hayes, speaking at the meeting, at St James Working Men's Club

Royal Mail from privatisation.

Defending Government moves Brian Binley, MP for Northampton South said: 'I am unable to answer over an hour of is I think it is immoral to leave our children and our grand-children with the results of our profligacy.

"We need to have some perspective on the enormity of the national debt.'

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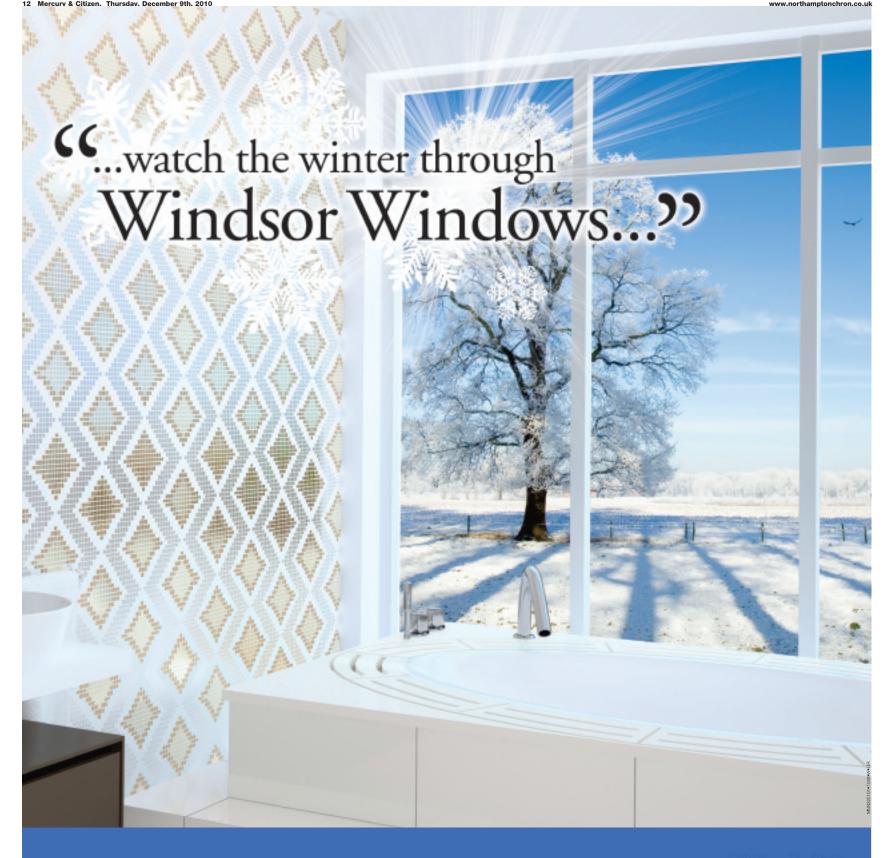
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Missed millions of carer benefits

CARERS in Northamptonshire are missing out on an estimated £6 million in benefits that would help compensate them for time spent looking after loved ones.

An estimated 2,241 carers in the county have failed to take advantage of a total of £6.3 million of Carer's Allowances, figures by the charity, Carers UK, suggest.

In Northampton alone, 862 carers are believed to have left £2.4 million in the allowance unclaimed.

The charity said it meant carers, who are often isolated, unsupported and unaware of the support they can get, end up cutting back on essentials such as food and heating to make their money last.

Jackie Attfield, a benefits manager at the Northampton and County Community Law Service, said some carers highlighted by the figures could be getting top-ups on other benefits – for example pensions – instead of actual carer's allowances. But she conceded that some carers would not investigate allowances as they often felt they did not deserve any payment.

She said: "If they know where they can access the help, we can help them.

"But they are generally very busy people and don't always have time and put the person they look after first and themselves last.

"It's difficult to do when people sometimes don't even consider themselves carers. They say: 'But I'm their mum or dad or they're my daughter and I'd do it anyway'."

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Carers UK said the country relied heavily on the support provided by carers, which has been valued at £87 billion per

Imelda Redmond, CBE, chief executive of Carers UK, said: "As a result, many miss out on support and end up caring round the clock with out a break, and struggling to pay even basic food and heating bills."

To inquire about what support is available call Community Law Service on Northampton 636112.

Injuries unit under way at college

A GROUND-BREAKING ceremony took place recently to mark the start of construction of a new Sports Injury and Rehabilitation Centre at Moulton College's Pitsford Centre.

The new building has been designed by leading county practice, GSSArchitecture, to reflect the rural style of many of the college's other buildings. It will incorporate specialist teaching facilities, a sports rehabilitation clinic to provide students with clinical experience, and a 25-metre swimming pool.

GSS partner-in-charge Tom

Lyons explained: "The teaching areas include therapy suites, a biomechanics analysis laboratory and changing facilities for the pool and adjacent sports pitches. The clinic includes changing areas, consultation, rehabilitation, physio and specialist therapy rooms including hydrotherapy, environmental and thermal chambers and cryotherapy treatment areas."

The swimming pool is to be

The swimming pool is to be used for teaching purposes with the 750 full-time sports students currently on site and for recreational purposes

by other students and staff. It will also be available for use by the wider community including schools, clubs and local organisations.

Landscaping around the new facilities will be designed and installed by the college. Completion is scheduled for

Completion is scheduled for around the end of 2011, and the total budget is in the region of £8 million. Moulton College has under-

Moulton College has undergone an extensive programme of redevelopment over the past few years and now boasts many world-class facilities.

In the last inspection

Moulton College was judged by OFSTED to be outstanding in all areas of its operation

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College Principal, Chris
Moody, said: "We are delighted to see this project get under
way. It will provide exceptional teaching and recreational
facilities for our students and
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clinical facilities to support
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"It will offer unrivalled work experience opportunities for our students, and will establish a National Centre of Excellence in the County."



'booze bus' idea

POLICE in Northampton-shire say they are willing to listen to proposals to set up "booze buses" in the town to free up custody blocks on Friday and Sat-urday nights.

A national report has recommended "drunk tanks" or "booze buses" should be used to take some of the burden of night-time drunks from police.

The Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) said police and local councils should look at alternatives to police station cells when people simply

needed to sober up.
The police w watchdog called on the Home Office

and Department of Health to pilot alternative facilities for drunks where they could have medical care.

Alternative facilities for heavily intoxicated people, dubbed drunk tanks, were introduced in Scotland six

A Northamptonshire Police spokesman said: "We support anything that helps keep people safe while out and about in our town cen-

tres at night.
"However, we would have to look at these proposals in further detail alongside partner agencies to see if it would be an appropriate option for Northampton-

Police to look at the 'hooze bus' idea Ready for the h jump?

ADRENALINE junkies are to get the chance to clamber down one of Northampton's most famous and eye-catching landmarks for the first time ever.

Three hundred brave charity fundraisers are being asked to take on the intimidating challenge of abseiling down Northampton's National Lift Tower.

The event will be a rare opportunity for people to abseil down the national landmark, which soars a stomach-churning 418 feet into the sky.

It is being organised by MAG, or Mines Advisory Group, a humanitarian organisation that clears land mines in war-torn countries.

The abseil, which will be held on May 1 next year, follows the first ever Battersea Power Station abseil, which was also organised by the group earlier this

This year's event raised more than £140,000 for the charity. However, the new challenge it set to scale new heights. with the lift tower rising four times higher than the London landmark.

Organisers have said following the success of the Battersea challenge they were on the look out for another 'world first' for volunteers to take on.

 $MAG's \ fund-raising \ officer, \ Cat \ Smith,$ who is organising the event, said: "Having been up the tower, and seen the absolutely breathtaking views, I can see why it's been called the 'Northampton Lighthouse'

"It's visible from as far as the eye can see. This abseil really will be a stomachchurning challenge but once you brave the fear of the edge, it'll be the experience of a lifetime and a truly unbeatable

Ed Wright, manager of the lift tower, added: "MAG will be the first group ever to host a charity abseil at the tower and we are very happy to be able to support them in raising funds for a very worthwhile cause.

"Participants will get the chance to abseil more than 400 feet from the very top of the building. We expect the weekend to be a great success.'

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lain Duncan-Smith (right) shares a joke with MP Brian Binley

GOVERNMENT minister Iain Duncan Smith was a guest speaker at an annu-al winter dinner for the Northampton

South Conservative Party Association.
The former Tory party leader and current Work and Pensions Minister spoke at the annual dinner, held at the Masonic Hall, in St George's Avenue, North-

ampton, on Friday night.
Michael Clarke, chairman of the association and county councillor for Hackleton, said: "He spoke for about half an hour about his crusade and the steep hill he has to climb in terms of his reform of the benefit system."



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Attack hero's award

A PETROL pump attendant has been handed a bravery award for putting up an "heroic fight" when three violent thugs attacked him.

Maharan Mahendrarajah was working alone behind the till at Grange Farm Service Station, London Road, Northampton, on April 7 when the hooded gang of se-rial crooks struck.

The shop worker, who attempted to fight off the thugs, sustained serious injuries and still has trouble standing and walking more than a week after the attack.

Two of the men were sentenced to six years behind bars. The third man

was never caught. Mr Mahendrarajah was given a reward of £250 and presented with his award by The High Sheriff of Northamptonshire.

Fight night bust-up outside the ring

PUNCHES were thrown both inside and outside the ring when a charity boxing match descended into chaos and dozens of people in the 800-strong crowd started throwing chairs and tables.

The charity match, held at Lava Ignite, in St Peter's Way, Northampton on Saturday, was organised by promoters Joe O'Neill and Sean Byrne, in association with the English Boxing Federation and the British Boxing Federation, to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Relief.

But after a semi-professional bout between Mark "Pee Wee" Adams and Den Palmer for the British super-middleweight and Southern Area super middleweight crowns, fights broke out

among people in the audience. Sports reporter Tom Vickers was at the event when violence flared, and he said: "Adams dived over the ropes and into the crowd when he won and ran through the VIP area, but then the fans went ballistic.

"Someone threw a chair and then other people started throwing chairs.

'Of the 800 people, I reckon about half of the crowd got involved. There were two sections going for each other.

"It seemed to come from nowhere and just turned into violence. I was pretty worried someone was going to

Another eye witness, Emma Gray, said: "I've been to loads of boxing matches where there's been tension, where they've had previous fights against each other, and it's never got like this.

"I have never seen anything like it. It was really scary.

Organiser Joe O'Neill said: "It was a great night of boxing, we raised nearly £1,000 for charity and the fights were well matched, it was everything I could have hoped for, apart from the end.

"The problem was people turned up and paid on the night, so we have no

way of vetting those people "They were nothing to do with this area and nothing to do with the boxing.

"I got involved just to break some things up.

"I'm very disappointed about what happened. I'm glad no one got hurt, I'm glad everyone left safely.

"It tarnished the night a little bit, after four months of hard work to set

Duty inspector Neil Dorothy, from Northamptonshire Police, said officers had attended a disturbance and two people had been arrested on public or-



Fallen chairs and debris after Saturday's charity boxing event was marred by violence

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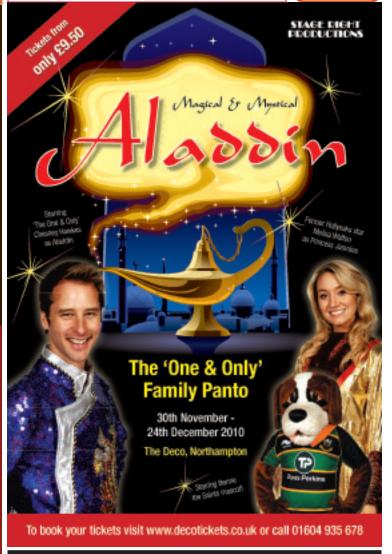
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THE VOYAGE OF THE DAWN TREADER (PG, 112 mins) Family/ Action/Drama. Georgie Henley, Skandar Keynes, Will Poulter, Ben Barnes, Tilda Swinton, Anna Popplewell, William Moseley, and the voices of Simon Pegg, Liam Neeson. Director: Michael

HERE'S action and adventure ahoy in the third book of CS Lewis's enchanting Narnia series, published back in the 1950s. Following on from the daring escapades of Prince Caspian, The Voyage Of The Dawn Treader sets sail without the two eldest Pevensie children, Peter (William Moseley) and Susan (Anna Popplewell), and press-gangs some fresh talent to carry the series into

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the choppy waters of the fourth book, The Silver Chair. Director Michael Apted bows down to the current fad of 3D format but this version of the film barely takes advantage of the eye-

popping possibilities.

Most of the cast return with the notable absence of Eddie Izzard as the voice of sword-wielding

He's replaced by Simon Pegg, who rouses the cast into action by telling the children: "There is no honour in turning away from

The film opens with Peter away at university and Susan in America, consigning Lucy (Georgie Henley) and Edmund (Skandar Keynes) to a miserable stay with stuffy cousin, Eustace Scrubb (Will Poulter).

He collect insects and can't think of anything nicer than pinning his relatives to the wall like butterfly

specimens.
"Note to self: investigate the legal ramifications of impaling relatives," he writes in his journal. During a fight between Edmund and Eustace, a painting in the guest bedroom magically trans-

and on to the titular vessel captained by Drinian (Gary Sweet) Eustace is aghast but Lucy and Edmund settle in quickly as Narnian royalty, reuniting with King Caspian (Ben Barnes) and Reepicheep (Pegg) aboard The Dawn Treader. It transpires that Caspian is on a quest to locate the swords of seven lost noblemen and the Pevensie children pledge their support, encountering the White Witch (Tilda Swinton) and the majestic lion Aslan (Liam Neeson) along

"Until you lay down the seventh sword, evil has the upper hand," reveals the magician Coriakin (Bille Brown).

"To defeat the darkness out there, you must defeat the darkness inside yourself," he adds helpfully.

is the most crudely constructed of the films, loosely stitching together the set pieces with comical altercations between Eustace and his courageous cousins. Inevitably, the new boy discovers the hero within, while Lucy learns valuable lessons about self-confidence and beauty.

Production design is impressive and the script introduces two mon-sters for the special effects-heavy finale that should delight younger audiences.

Poulter matures from comic relief to would-be hero – he's the central character of the fourth book – while Henley and Keynes make the most of their underwritten roles before they too bid a tearful farewell to their fantastical friends. Our eyes remain dry.



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Panto

The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe

Review

by Anna Brosnan

CS Lewis's magical tale The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe holds a special place in the hearts of generations of children . . . so what a pressure and responsibility it must be to bring it to stage. Depicting a story in which four evacuees force their way through the back of a mysterious old wardrobe and find themselves kings and queens of their own snow covered land, where it is always winter, but never Christmas, must be difficult to say the least. But the version currently being performed at the Royal & Derngate achieves a lot in the limited medium of the stage. In my view the crowning glory of the play was the set itself, which demonstrated amazing

versatility. The old professor's house is represented by a huge, wooden panelled wall out of which springs a wardrobe full of fur coats.



Above, Adam Baxter as Tumnus and Hayley Ellenbrook as Lucy, and below, Georgina White as the White Witch and Peter McGovern as Edmund in The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe

through into Narnia, people dressed in furs and clutching wooden panels spin around them and suddenly the scenery changes and the audience themselves transported to a snowy scene filled with giant trees, and later to the homes of the fawn Mr Tumnus and Mr and Mrs Beaver.

James Atherton, are truly

old days when books required children to have excellent imaginations and understanding, I think the production is too demanding for very young children but I would say that youngsters aged six or seven and upwards would be able to appreciate it.

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Quinn came second in The X Factor in 2007, losing to Leona Lewis, and since then has gone on to win the ITV show Dancing On Ice. He has also recorded an album of swing songs and most recently starred in the West End in a musical adaptation of the film Dirty Dancing, which he will be taking a break from to appear in Jack and the Beanstalk.

Starring alongside Ray Quinn is Emma Stephens, who shot to fame when she starred with

Starlight Express and Saturday Night Fever and she can currently be seen in the West End production of Dreamboats and Petticoats. Joining Ray and Emma on stage will be Nick Weir, best known for hosting popular TV quiz show Catchphrase, who will play Simple Simon. Hilary O'Neil will take on the role of the good

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Cinema

Reality catches up with star of Hollywood

SOMEWHERE (15, 97 mins) Drama. Stephen Dorff, Elle Fanning, Laura Ramsey, Michelle Monaghan, Robert Schwartzman. Director: Sofia Coppola.

UCCESS is a double-edged sword. While it affords you greater opportunities, it can also create unreasonably high expectations that set you up for the inevitable fall from grace. In 2003, writer-director Sofia Coppola was the toast of Tinseltown for her bittersweet romance Lost In Translation.

The film collected numerous awards including an Oscar for Best Original Screenplay and nominations for Best Picture, Best Director and Best Actor.

Three years later, the adulation turned to boos at the Cannes Film Festival when the local audience reacted angrily to her visually dazzling portrait of Marie Antoinette. For her fourth feature, Coppola touches on some of the same themes as Lost In Translation, exploring the internal strife of a Hollywood actor who is caught off guard by a surprise visit from his 11-year-old daughter.

In the same way that the writer-director revived the faltering career of Bill Murray, she now resurrects Stephen Dorff, providing him with a meaty role as a soulless man,

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Swearing Sex

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Rating

who turns on the charm when the cameras are rolling.

Film star Johnny Marco (Dorff) has taken up permanent residence in room 59 of the Chateau Marmont hotel and breaks up the tedium of his days off set by going for a drive in his black Ferrari.

A private performance from poledancing twins sends him to sleep rather than arousing his ardour and he has to use a wooden step for a photo shoot with a statuesque costar (Michelle Monaghan).

In one of the film's entrancing and almost wordless scenes, Johnny sits motionless as three make-up artists encase his head in plaster to create a mould.

Rhythmic breathing through two nostril holes and the occasional swallow break the silence.

Out of the blue, Johnny's old flame dumps their daughter Clio (Elle Fanning) at his door, just as he is poised to leave for Milan to accept an award.

As he spends time with the youngster, Johnny realises the emotional vacuum in his so-called life.



Somewhere is a gently paced snapshot of life in celebrity-obsessed Los Angeles that proves Dorff is a compelling screen presence, given the right material.

Screen chemistry with Fanning is convincing and there are some amusing and tender interludes like the hunky masseur, who shocks

Johnny mid-session by stripping off so that he is "on the same level" as his client.

Johnny's disconnect from reality sometimes stretches credibility like when he asks Clio about the book she's reading.

"It's about this girl and she's in love with this guy. And he's a

vampire...his whole family are vampires," she responds, mystified like us that a star in the Hollywood firmament hasn't heard of Twi-

Coppola attempts another heartrending farewell, similar to Lost In Translation, and almost pulls it off. Parting is such sweet sorrow.



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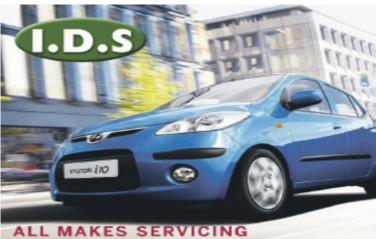
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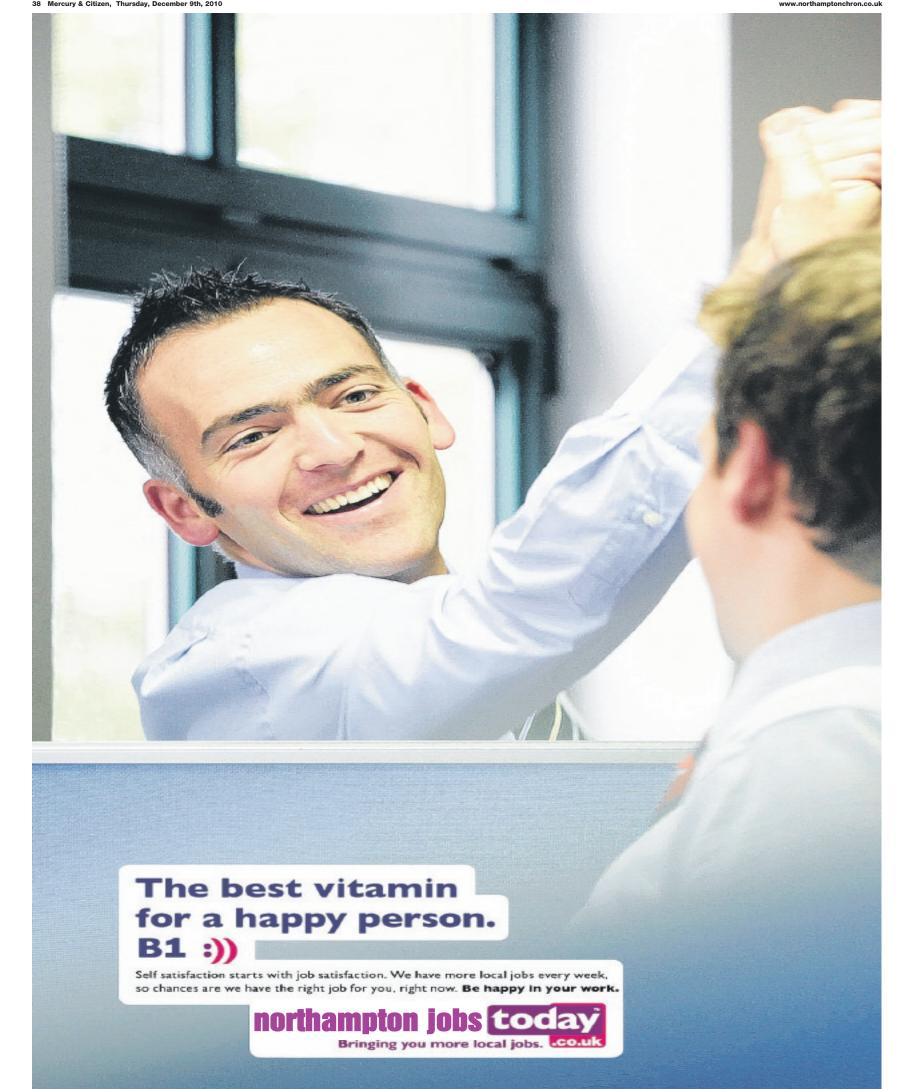
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Stewart tips Saints for glory

SAINTS favourite Matt Stewart says the current Northampton side will win the Heineken Cup in the next two

Stewart was part of Saints' 2000 Heineken Cup winning side and be-lieves forwards coach Dorian West has put together a pack every bit as good as those Euro kings - if not bet-

And unlike that 2000 side that broke up soon afterwards, Stewart believes this side is years away from peaking and can go on to achieve even more.

The former Scotland international tighthead has been hugely impressed with Saints' scrum, and he can't see them having any problem in overcoming European Challenge Cup winners Cardiff Blues in the Heineken Cup pool one double-header over the next two weeks.

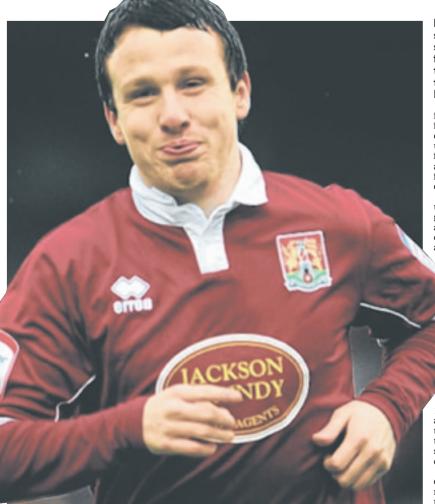
The first game is at Franklin's Gardens this Saturday (ko 5.45pm) and the 37-year-old, who spent six years at Franklin's Gardens from 1997 to 2003, said: "I saw Norrthamp-ton against London Irish and they were very impressive. They are going from strength to strength in the pack, Brian Mujati was really putting pressure on the London İrish scrum.

"I bumped into (Irish director of rugby) Toby Booth on the Saturday after the England game and he was very complimentary about the scrummaging. Saints are doing fantastic. Wait a couple of years – if that team doesn't win the European Cup I will be amazed.

Stewart believes Saints fans have not seen a pack as good as this since the 2000 side that beat Munster 9-8 at Twickenham to win the club's first piece of silverware.

"We had a massive pack then and we really dominated that year," said Stewart. "But for getting on top and dominating the opposition it is the best Saints pack for a long time.

Jacobs admits he deserved Town axe



CLASS ACT - Cobblers midfielder Kevin Thornton looks a happy man after firing the Cobblers into the lead against Stockport County on Saturday Town went on to win 2-0.

MICHAEL JACOBS says he fully deserved to be dropped from the Cobblers team after a start to the season that left him 'struggling'.

The 19-year-old midfielder was a star performer in the early stages of the campaign, lighting up several pre-season friendlies and putting in a man-of-the-match performance in the opening-day defeat at Torquay.

Jacobs followed that up with a first senior goal in a dazzling display as Town dumped Bright-on out of the Carling Cup at Sixfields.

And he was also influential in wins in that competition at Reading and Liv-erpool, showing nerves of steel to sink a penalty at Anfield after giving Northamp-ton the lead with a goal at the Kop End earlier in the

ButJacobshasfailed to nail down a starting role in the past month, and admits he needed to 'come back down to earth' after a flying start to his professional career.

'I played the first seven or eight games and I'm not going to lie to you, it took it out of me," said Jacobs, who came off the bench to score the second goal in the Cobblers 2-0 win over Stockport

County last weekend..

"It affected me, I was struggling to get through games and the gaffer took me out of the team.

'The gaffer and Crosser (Malcolm Crosby) told me that I was only young and that I couldn't play weekin, week-out because I wasn't used to it.

"They're wise people and you have to listen to their advice and just keep working.
"Since then I've come

back down to earth and I'mjustlookingtopushon keep progressing, I'm confident I can do that."

Jacobs, along with his fellow goalscorer from Saturday, Kevin Thornton, is one of the team's more technical players and his style has not suited the more direct approach favoured by manager Ian Sampson is recent weeks.

The Rothwell youngster accepts that is the case, but is happy to play at a higher tempo if that is what the boss requires.

"When I first came into the team I did pretty well and there was a lot of hype about me," he said.

"I've come back down to earth now. The gaffer has decided to play a bit more a direct game and so I haven't been playing as much but when I get on the pitch I just try to make an impact.'

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